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**ESCAPE INTO SUMMER** – Summer fun is well underway at the Caledon Public Library (CPL) and earlier this week, scores of young Caledon residents tried their hand at a Harry Potter Escape Room, sorting and solving all manner of puzzles. The next Harry Potter Escape Room hosted by the CPL, this time for teens, will take place Tuesday, August 13, from 12 – 12.30 p.m. at the Library's Albion Bolton Branch.

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## Safety first: New traffic lights near Caledon Central Public School now operational

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Getting to and from Caledon Central Public School is now safer.

New traffic lights at the intersection of Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad, an intersection adjacent to the school, are now operational.

Caledon Central's principal, Lesley Kennedy, first started working at the school three years ago.

When she became principal and saw how

long it took school buses to get in and out of the school, and how unsafe the intersection of Kennedy and Charleston was, she knew something needed to be done.

She reached out to Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, and the local Optimist and Lions clubs to put their voices behind an effort to get traffic lights installed. Kennedy and others gathered data at the intersection, focusing on the busiest times of the day for school buses: 9 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

Kennedy said it was a collaborative effort between the school, Councillors, and the com-

munity to get the lights installed over the last few years. Even an initial "no" couldn't stop the group dedicated to making the lights a reality.

"This is so important... we didn't stop because this is about the safety of kids and families and staff members and the community," said Kennedy. "We're so grateful that it's come to fruition... I'm excited for the beginning of the school year this year to see the difference that it's going to make around safety for our students, our staff, and our families."

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**Caledon explores partnership with Agricultural Society for community centre**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan prepared a motion of support for Taccone, and Caledon Councillors supported it unanimously.

The motion directs Town of Caledon staff to explore partnership opportunities with the CAS.

The CAS first announced its plans to build a new community centre on July 9, when it launched a \$3 million capital fundraising campaign for the centre.

Efforts to build a new community centre in Caledon Village are moving forward.

On July 24, Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS) president Ed Taccone delegated to Caledon Council asking for support as the society looks to build a new community centre on its property at the Caledon Fairgrounds in Caledon Village.

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# Electrify Caledon event to be held August 10 in Bolton

Sustainable transportation showcase to be held at Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents are invited to an electrifying event.

On August 10, the Caledon chapter of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Society, Town of Caledon, and ecoCaledon will team up to host “Electrify Caledon” at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton.

It will be the second-ever Electrify Cale-



Kenneth Bokor, President of the Caledon chapter of the Electric Vehicle Society, is excited to invite residents to “Electrify Caledon”, a sustainable transportation showcase that’s being held on August 10 in Bolton. FILE PHOTO

don event; the first was held in 2022 in Southfields Village.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during this year’s Electrify Caledon, residents can test drive the latest EV models from leading manufacturers, speak to EV owners and partners, and attend free information sessions. There will be a barbecue lunch at the event thanks to the Rotary Club of Bolton.

There will be three information sessions at the event and these are their titles: EV 101 — learn about the world of electric cars; Charging Availability and Solutions; and Energy Efficiency for All.

Kenneth Bokor, President of the Caledon chapter of the Electric Vehicle Society, said it’s been great to partner with the Town of Caledon and ecoCaledon for the event.

There will be some local dealers showcasing EVs at the event, such as Fines Ford Lincoln and Bolton Hyundai.

“We should have a good amount of vehicles there that people can test drive and take for a spin around the block,” said Bokor. “We can talk about the merits of EVs but getting behind the wheel is what it’s all about... there’s so many products out there now covering a wide range of needs, from small city runabout vehicles to big trucks and three-row SUVs.”

Bokor himself will be doing the EV 101 talk, with a goal of dispelling some myths and mysteries about EVs — as well as sharing their many benefits.

He’s says he’s excited to be hosting an event in Bolton and is hoping for a great turnout.

“We want to get people out who want to learn more about sustainable transportation and talk to some experts that understand the subject,” said Bokor. “It should be a lot of fun.”



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# Forks of the Credit Preservation Group hosts Green Party leader on quarry tour



Group (FCPG), which has been leading opposition to the quarry, was the group that invited Schreiner to tour the quarry site.

“Everybody I know who’s concerned about quarries knows that we need aggregate to build roads, transit, infrastructure, hospitals, schools, homes... but we want to make sure we do it in a way that doesn’t threaten our own personal health and the health of our communities, water and farmland,” said Schreiner. “We should only be licensing enough aggregate to meet demand now and in the future and not exceed that because of the threats it poses to our quality of life.”

Schreiner said he was blown away by the scale of the proposed quarry and the number of different land types it threatens. He

said it would impact woodlots, wetlands, prime farmland, and the Credit River.

Schreiner said it’s important to use his platform to speak out and that Ontario’s Aggregate Resources Act as a whole is flawed. Something he would like to see more of in Ontario is the use of recycled aggregate.

“I’ve been calling for a moratorium on new pit and quarry licenses, or expanded applications, until we’ve done a study on how much aggregate has already been licensed and how much aggregate we need so we can move forward in an informed way,” said Schreiner.

Schreiner has also put forward a bill that aims to ban any new pits and quarries in the Greenbelt.

(LEFT) Anthony Fairclough, Director and Secretary of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group, welcomed Green Party of Ontario leader Mike Schreiner to Caledon on July 17 to tour the site of a proposed blasting quarry. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Forks of the Credit Preservation Group leads July 17 tour

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The leader of the Green Party of Ontario is against a proposed blasting quarry in Caledon.

On July 17, Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner

visited Caledon to tour the site of a proposed quarry in the Cataract/Alton area.

“I’ve been here in the past at rallies opposing the Caledon mega-quarry but today I’ve had the opportunity to spend a bit of extra time seeing the massive scale of this quarry... just to highlight how this quarry makes no sense and isn’t compatible with this area,” said Schreiner.

He said it was worrying to see how much prime farmland would be lost if the quarry was built. Schreiner also shared concerns with how the quarry would impact the local watershed.

The Forks of the Credit Preservation

**Question:** My father passed away and I was named the estate trustee. My brother lives in my dad’s house and he is refusing to move out. I need to administer the estate, and the other beneficiaries are pressuring me to do something about it so the house can be sold. How do I get him to move out?

**Answer:** It’s an unfortunate situation, but your legal obligation is to the estate and all of its beneficiaries. An estate trustee will run into problems if she/he prefers one beneficiary over the rest. If your brother simply refuses to move out, and the Will does not specifically permit him to continue living in the house, the estate may have to commence legal proceedings to have him removed. Typically, in such a case the court will order that he move out within a set timeframe. The court will also usually include a provision that allows the sheriff and police to assist if he does not move out by the court-ordered deadline.

If necessary, the estate may claim for losses suffered as a result of your brother staying in the house and refusing to move out. Losses could arise from rent owed, utilities that he didn’t pay while living there, and damage or neglect of the property. Typically, these amounts are deducted from his share of the estate if he is a beneficiary. If he is not a

beneficiary, or the distribution amount to which he is entitled is insufficient, then the estate may be forced to seek payment from him directly which may result in the need for further legal proceedings. If you need help with an estate matter, give us a call to set up a free ½ hour consultation. Enjoy the weekend.



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### IMPAIRED CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a single motor vehicle collision with impaired operation.

“On July 14, 2024, shortly before 9:30 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Old School Road, near Kennedy Road, in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “No injuries were reported. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Barkomal Uppal, 31, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Fail to remain.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 8, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven. “On July 11, 2024, shortly after 9:00

p.m., an officer on patrol on Kennedy Road in the community of Southfields Village conducted a traffic stop due to the manner a vehicle was being operated,” say Police. “During the investigation, grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Anthony Baboolall, 35, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Drive left of centre - approaching crest of grade;
- Pass - roadway not clear - approaching traffic;
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 1, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven.

“On July 18, 2024, just after 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP received a report of a vehicle in a truck yard on George Bolton Parkway. Officers attended to investigate. Grounds were formed that the driv-

er’s ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Gurpreet Gill, 49, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol;
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The charges have not been proven.

“Shortly after, on July 19, 2024, just after midnight, officers on patrol on Highway 410 near Mayfield Road observed a vehicle being operated in a concerning manner. The vehicle was stopped, and officers met with the driver. Grounds were formed that the driver’s ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.”

As a result, Nimish Malhotra, 23, of Rexdale, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus);
- Novice driver - B.A.C. above zero.

The charges have not been proven.

Both accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 8, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver’s licences were also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles impounded for seven.

Caledon OPP would like to take this opportunity to educate motorists on the rules and consequences for novice and young drivers when it comes to the consumption of alcohol or drugs:

- Ontario drivers with the licence class of G1 or G2 are considered novice drivers;
- Ontario drivers under the age of 22 are considered young drivers;
- Young and novice drivers cannot consume any alcohol or drug before operating a motor vehicle. This means young and novice drivers must have zero traces of alcohol or drug when operating a vehicle.

There is a zero-tolerance policy for impaired drivers on our roads and the OPP is committed to ensuring all drivers understand the rules and consequences before getting behind the wheel.

If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, do not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peel-

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For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving>.

### ARSON INVESTIGATION

On July 23, 2024, just before 1:00 a.m. Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), were called to a structure fire on in Adjala-Tosorontio.

The residence is located on Orchid Crescent in a new subdivision, in the area of County Road 14 and Concession Road 8, Adjala-Tosorontio.

Members of the Nottawasaga OPP and crews from the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire department attended the scene and were able to safely extinguish the fire. The residence appeared to be under construction before the fire took place and no injuries have been reported at this time.

There are three suspects, two can be described as wearing all black. The third suspect has no descriptors. The suspects left the scene in a white-coloured sedan last seen heading south on Concession Rd 8.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation and Police are treating this as an arson investigation. Updates will be provided when available.

The Nottawasaga OPP is currently investigating the fire and are seeking the public’s assistance, if you or someone you know has information, please contact the OPP at 1-800-310-1122. The Nottawasaga OPP is also requesting anyone who was driving in the area around the time of July 23, 2024, at 12:00 - 01:00 a. m. and has dash camera or video footage to please contact the OPP. Should you wish to remain anonymous please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit your information online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com). Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display, and you will remain anonymous. You will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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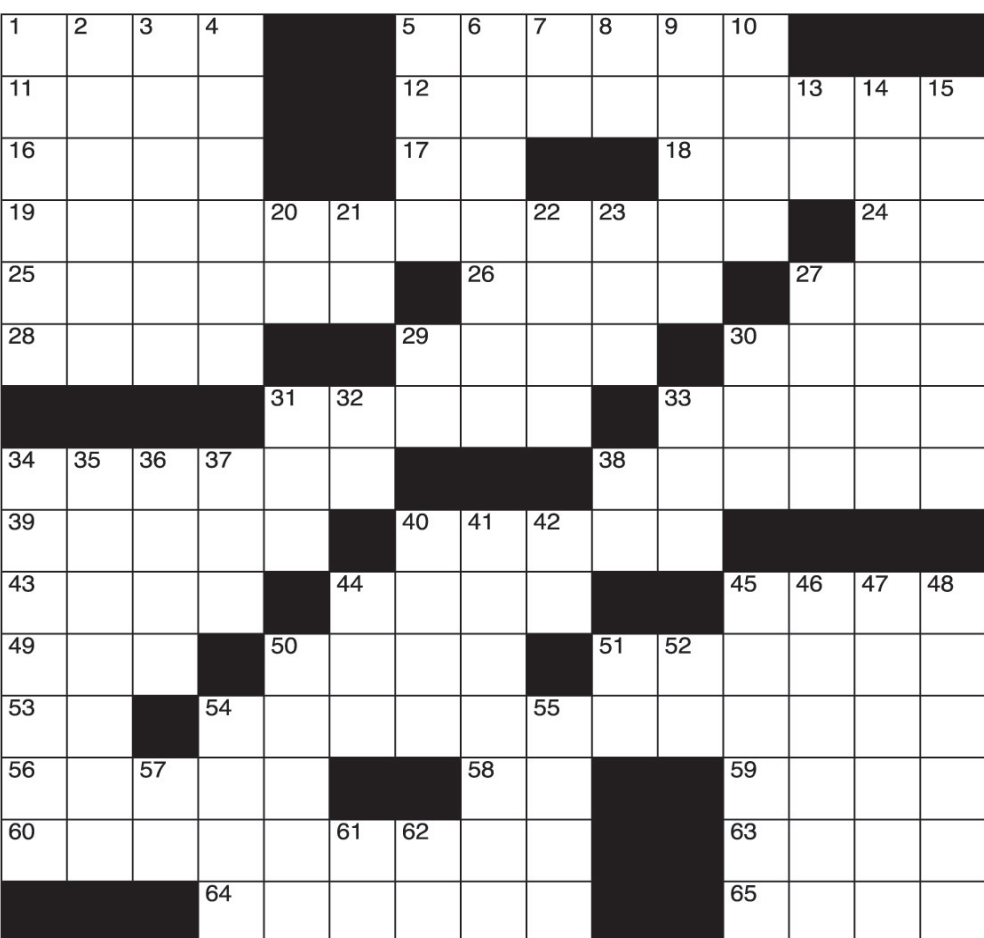
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18. Carried or transported
19. Cannot even fathom
24. Hammer is one
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27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
28. German river
29. Quantitative fact
30. A person's head
31. Process that produces ammonia
33. French modernist painter
34. Too much noise
38. Agree to a demand
39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length

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40. Employees
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
44. Component of hemoglobin
45. Quick and skillful in movement
49. Passing trend
50. Part of the eye
51. One who acclaims
53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
54. Taste property
56. Genus of mosquitoes
58. Blood type
59. A group of countries in special alliance
60. Institute legal proceedings against
63. Shade of a color
64. Spoke
65. Work units

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4. Boil at low temperature
5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia
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8. 36 inches
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Type of gin
13. An alternative
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15. A way to ooze
20. Publicity
21. American firm
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Comedian Cook
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32. Legendary sportscaster Michaels
33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

34. Designed to keep ears warm
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36. Tear into two or more pieces
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38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
40. District in Peru
41. One died leaving a will
42. Morning
44. The world of the dead
45. Widen
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Celebrating
48. Secret encounters
50. A type of tag
51. Halfback
52. Modern tech committee
54. Monetary unit
55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
57. Execute or perform
61. "The Golden State"
62. "The Beehive State" (abbr.)

*No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.*





Regional Councillor Mario Russo, Treasure Hill Vice President of Sales and Marketing Natascha Pieper, Mayor Annette Groves, Treasure Hill President Nicholas Fidei, and Treasure Hill Vice President of Land Development Jason Bottoni at the Grand opening of a new model home for the Meadowlark community in Bolton. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

## Mayor attends grand opening of model home for new Bolton housing development

Many units in development have already sold

CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

New homes are being built in Bolton. On July 23, Caledon Mayor Annette Groves and Regional Councillor Mario Russo attended the grand opening of a Treasure Hill model home in east Bolton.

Treasure Hill is building 84 single-detached homes off Queensgate Boulevard between Ernest Biason Boulevard and Autumn Oak Court.

Natascha Pieper, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Treasure Hill, explained the homes will be custom-built to buyers' design preferences.

"We take a lot of pride in our offerings,

materials and finishes," said Pieper. "You can pick a curated package... you can very much customize your home."

Jason Bottoni, Vice President of Land Development for Treasure Hill, said it was important for the company to plan for homes that will integrate with the existing community surrounding it, which is a community of single-detached homes.

The new development is called Meadowlark and has been in the works since 2021.

Pieper said over 2,000 people registered to receive information about the community.

"Our sales centre has been extremely busy, so we're happy to welcome a lot of new families to Bolton," said Pieper. "This is something unique and special."

Groves said Treasure Hill has been a great partner and worked with the Town of Caledon and residents as they planned their new development. She said the developer has a "here to stay" attitude and has a great history of sponsorship in Caledon.

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## Town to revisit nuisance vibration bylaw

Staff to update bylaw and bring it back to council on September 10

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is looking to reintroduce a nuisance vibration bylaw.

At Caledon Council's July 24 meeting, Mayor Annette Groves introduced an urgent business motion to add a nuisance vibration bylaw to the meeting agenda to be voted on for approval.

"An absence of a Nuisance/Vibration By-Law has been detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Caledon... and urgently needs to be reinstated to protect residents' health, safety and welfare," reads Groves' motion.

In 2019, Caledon Council repealed Caledon's nuisance vibration bylaw, which was first implemented on March 18, 2008.

Councillors supported bringing a nuisance vibration bylaw onto the July 24 meeting agenda.

Town staff then said they would like time to review and strengthen the bylaw before Council approval, and said they could have it back to council on September 10. Councillors supported referring the bylaw to staff so they could complete that work.

Caledon's former nuisance vibration bylaw banned creating any vibration with a frequency, intensity, or strength would disturb residents between 7 p.m. in the evening and 7 a.m. in the morning on weekdays and between 5 p.m. in the evening and 9 a.m. in the morning on weekends and holidays.

The bylaw allowed for fines of between \$500 and \$50,000 for those convicted of a first offence and \$500 and \$100,000 for those convicted of second and subsequent offences.



These "fairy doors" were submitted for last year's fairy doors project hosted by the Alton Mill Arts Centre. The Centre will soon be accepting works of art for this year's project. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALTON MILL ARTS CENTRE

## "Fairy Doors" project launched by Alton Mill Arts Centre

Residents invited to create art that will be displayed on Pinnacle Trail

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents are invited to create art that will be used to add a magical flair to a local hiking trail.

On July 17, Alton Mill Arts Centre marketing coordinator Bri Wilson announced the Centre was launching a "Fairy Doors" community art project.

"This project is perfect for everyone — whether you're an experienced artist or simply looking for a fun and

imaginative summer activity with your kids, join us in creating a fairy wonderland that will captivate the hearts and minds of all who visit," said Wilson. "This year's community arts project promises to add a touch of magic to the forest path."

Wilson explained a fairy door is a small work of art that's designed to look like the entrance to a home a fairy might live in. The pieces are then usually set into the base of a tree or placed on a branch.

"The Fairy Door Project is part of a growing global movement that places fairy doors along trails and in public spaces, captivating the imagination of visitors and locals alike," said Wilson. "We aim to make our trail a highlight on Ontario's Fairy Door maps."

Wilson said the project is great for stimulating creative thinking and imagination.

Residents can submit their fairy doors to Rare Threads, which is located inside the Alton Mill Arts Centre, during regular business hours between August 1 and 31.

Fairy doors may be created with any media, in any shape. Some suggested materials include wood, bark, sticks, clay, epoxy, moss, rocks, fibre and metal.

The maximum size allowed for the doors is six by eight inches.

Artists who submit fairy doors will be eligible to win prizes, and entrants will be divided into three groups: professional artist, creative adult 16+, and youth under 16.

Residents will be able to vote on the fairy doors online at [altonmill.ca](http://altonmill.ca). More information on the project is available on the same website.



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# Community collaboration brings lights to intersection of Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad



Region of Peel staff, Caledon Central Public School Principal Lesley Kennedy, Caledon's PDSB Trustee Stan Cameron, Regional Councillor Christina Early, Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, and Caledon Central Vice Principal Brandon Pachan celebrated that traffic lights at Kennedy Road and Charleston Sideroad are now operational on July 24. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Continued from FRONT

Kiernan said she was very excited to see the traffic lights operational and that the whole project to get them installed is a great example of how the Councillor-Community relationship should work.

"You get a notification from a community member that there seems to be a problem, you come out to have a look at it, you engage with people and you work together to find a solution," said Kiernan. "I'm very proud to stand here today... this has always been about safety."

Kiernan, Kennedy, Regional Councillor Christina Early, Caledon's Peel District School Board trustee Stan Cameron, Caledon Central staff, and staff from the Region of Peel and Town of Caledon got together at the intersection on July 24 to share thanks to all who worked to get the lights installed.

Early said she was so happy to see the traffic lights operational and equally happy to see the level of collaboration it took to bring them to the intersection.

Cameron agreed and said the traffic lights project was a great example of community engagement and collaboration.

Jennifer Johnston, who lives right next to the intersection of Kennedy and Charleston, said she had two

kids attend Caledon Central for 10 years. Despite the new traffic lights causing there to be much more noise around her house, she has always been an advocate for them. Back when her kids went to Caledon Central, they had to take a bus to get to school even though the school was so close because it was too unsafe for them to cross Charleston Sideroad.

"You would take your life in your hands going across there because of the speed of the traffic and the amount of it," said Johnston. "We always thought it would be great if you could safely cross the intersection."

Johnston said getting traffic lights at the intersection is long overdue. She's lived in the same house since 2005 and has seen the amount of traffic on Charleston Sideroad drastically increase over the years.

"I did have some hesitations when it came to noise, but safety is the paramount concern," she said. "I always kept that in the front of my mind."

Watching school buses try to turn on to Charleston from Kennedy, Johnston would sometimes see them have to wait five minutes or more.

Johnston said she hopes the traffic lights will also contribute to traffic slowing down in the area, as she sees many drivers not following the 60 kilometre per hour limit there.

# Caledon Area Families for Inclusion planning more social events

## Group held barbeque on July 14

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local group is working to make Caledon a more inclusive place.

On July 14, Caledon Area Families for Inclusion (CAFFI) held a barbeque party at Albion Hills Conservation Park. The event featured games, food, music, and swimming, and was a great chance for families to get to know each other.

CAFFI is a group that advocates for children and adults with disabilities in Caledon.

Mike Brunetto, a coordinator with CAFFI, said the barbeque event was just the beginning and that CAFFI will continue to host more social events to bring people together. He said discussions for bowling and movie events are in the works, for example.

Brunetto said CAFFI is hoping to meet with members of Caledon Council and Town of Caledon staff soon to discuss programming for those with mobility challenges and those ages 18 and older.

"There's programs for those with special needs who are higher-functioning which is great but to be truly inclusive we need to capture the whole demographic," said Brunetto.

Brunetto said he knows there's more families in Caledon who could come out to events and that CAFFI is always looking for feedback on what types of events they can run to get people to come out.

"There's some exciting stuff on the way... we'll keep putting our best foot forward and supporting families," said Brunetto.



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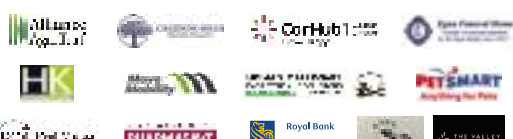
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## "Celebrating Ripples of Kindness in Caledon"

by Donna Cragg, Director, Communications and Marketing



Cartoonist and Author Scott Adams said, "There's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

Caring community starts here with support for Health, Jobs and Life. When you give to initiatives like the Season of Hope, families struggling to make ends meet don't have to choose between putting nutritious meals on the table and rent or utilities. Through Kidz in Caledon, Children have the opportunity to participate in camps and recreational activities that help them grow into healthy adults.

Here at Caledon Community Services (CCS), we witness amazing acts of kindness that ripple across our community every day.

On June 26 at our Annual General Meeting, we celebrated our Community Champions and Kindness Heroes whose contributions make amazing things happen in Caledon. We also awarded Honorary Life Memberships to Ian Armstrong, James and Anne Dick, and Anne and Allan Thompson – long-time supporters of our community who have made meaningful contributions towards CCS' vision of a healthy and engaged Caledon community.

With your help, we supported 1,305 neighbours, including 438 children, through our Community Supports Program with care coordination, healthy snacks, access to recreation and back-to-school resources. Your generosity helped deliver 27,290 transportation rides that gifted independence to seniors and people with disabilities. Together we helped 1,292 neighbours take the next step along their employment journey.

Because of our caring community, we're able to be a lifeline to those in need.

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# Let's get this race started

The frustratingly stagnant race to be the next President of the United States got a much-needed shot in the arm on Sunday when incumbent – and then-Democratic candidate – Joe Biden announced his decision to drop out of the race, endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris to be his successor.

When I say a much-needed shot in the arm, I do not mean this in any way as a slight against the outgoing President. Rather, it's a comment that this political campaign, potentially one of the most pivotal of our lifetimes, no matter which side of the border we happen to find ourselves, has remained relatively stagnant since the start of the campaign.

Now, if we're honest with ourselves, the current campaign started as soon as Joe Biden was declared victor in the 2020 election four years ago this November – an exhausting slog by any measure.

As I wrote in my column on July 11, following Biden's apparently-disastrous debate against Donald Trump a few weeks ago, it was hard to believe that the apparently-flagging performance of the incumbent would in any way move the political needle.

Both men are extremely known quantities. By this point, unless you have been living underwater or at the International Space Station for the last decade or so, you know who they are. You know what they stand for. Up until that point, the campaign had yielded very few surprises on vision, compassion, character or mental acuity, although one seemed (and seems) to be held to a much higher standard than the other.

If you were still an undecided voter at the time of the debate, I'd suggest you might be trying to fool yourself. Heck, knowing what each represents, Biden and Trump could have joined hands on that stage for a duet of "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better" with very little consequence to polling numbers or the likely outcome.

Yet, on Sunday, Biden finally bowed to pressure to leave the race.

While an undoubtedly disappointing outcome for the incumbent, he can, in my view, rest on particularly exceptional laurels. But, as sad as it is that it's the end of the road for such a dedicated public servant, it has undoubtedly reinvigorated the campaigns to take (or re-take) the biggest gig in the western world.

Since the powers-that-be in the United States piled on Biden following that fateful night on CNN, the intervening weeks have provided food for thought on term limits and age limits when it comes for those seeking public office.

Personally, I have never been fully in favour of either limitation. While I see the value of such limits, in some ways I see it also as limiting the will of voters and the democratic process.

For every Dianne Feinstein and Strom Thurmond, U.S. Senators who served well-beyond their ability to do so – with Feinstein's controversial final term ending with her death last September at 90 and Thurmond's ending just a few months before his death at 100 – there is a Ted Kennedy or a Nancy Pelosi who have been respected by their voters and dynamic in the process into their late-70s, as was the case with Kennedy, and into their 80s, as continues to be the case for the former Speaker.

There's also the case of Elizabeth II served as our Head of State, and that of 14 other countries around the world until the age of 96, with Prime Ministers and Presidents alike vehemently stating she was just as sharp as she

ever was until her death and, by dint of her age, a repository of wisdom younger leaders were eager to draw upon.

Closer to home, we have Evelyn Buck, the first female mayor of Aurora, who, following her time in the top job, served on Town Council off and on well into her 80s. An occasional divisive politician, like her or not she had the confidence of her electors, she knew who they were, and she served them well by their estimation.

If voters are happy with their representation, if the politician does their part to stay on top of their game, and that includes keeping up with social mores and evolving methods of communication, does it make sense to say they're now ineligible for the job they do well simply because they have crossed an age threshold?

On the flipside, if a politician is of a certain age, knows what their constituency is, but is unable or unwilling to connect to and engage with new voters or seasoned voters searching for representation, would this lack of engagement be remedied by such age and term limits?

I don't have all the answers, but Sunday did provide some insight.

"Over the past three-and-a-half years, we have made great progress as a nation," said Biden in his letter to the American people. "Today, America has the strongest economy in the world. We've made historic investments in rebuilding our Nation, in lowering prescription drug costs for seniors, and in expanding affordable health care to a record number of Americans. We've provided critically needed care to a million veterans exposed to toxic substances. Passed the first gun safety law in 30 years. Appointed the first African American woman to the Supreme Court. And passed the most significant climate legislation in the history of the world. America has never been better positioned to lead than we are today.

"It has been the greatest honour of my life to serve as your President. And while it has been my intention to seek re-election. I believe it is in the best interest of my party and the country for me to stand down and to focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term.

"For now, let me express my deepest gratitude to all those who have worked so hard to see me re-elected. I want to thank Vice President Kamala Harris for being an extraordinary partner in all this work. And let me express my heartfelt appreciation to the American people for the faith and trust you have placed in me. I believe today what I always have: that there is nothing American people can't do – when we do it together. We just have to remember we are the United States of America."

A gracious exit, perhaps one that could only be written with the grace and insight that comes with age, experience and walking the walk, and not doing so just for themselves alone.

Now, it will be interesting to see the balance of the campaign to come.

By press time this week, Harris, 59, had already closed in on the delegates she needs to secure the nomination, more than \$100 million in donations from small, individual donors have flowed into the Democratic Party's coffers, a sure sign of the renewed energy in the air, and Donald Trump, 78, is now the oldest person who will ever see their name on a Presidential ballot.

That sure upends their "Don't vote for the old guy" platform!



# Taking time to pause and "stop the world"

by Mark Pavilons



The 1982 classic by Modern English broke the silence from my alarm clock the other day.

"I'll stop the world and melt with you ... You've seen the difference ... And it's getting better all the time ... There's nothing you and I won't do ..."

Instead of hitting snooze, I let it play because it made me smile. I wanted to run downstairs and dance with my wife in the kitchen. I recited the lyrics to her, which she continued. And then I shed a tear.

Maybe it's the medication. Maybe it's the pent-up regret and lost time.

Boy, how I wish I spent more time "melting" with my wife and taking on the world, hand-in-hand.

Alas, hindsight is always perfect.

I managed to "stop" the world a bit recently by freeze-framing a few special weekend moments. My wife and I splurged on over-priced steaks for the family and the BBQ meal was amazing. I savoured (literally) every moment surrounded by my family. The way to a man's heart ... A state of euphoria followed and I simply cleared my head and enjoyed the feeling. That was followed by my father-in-law's 83rd birthday BBQ and a small gathering. Sharing a meal, telling stories, rekindling cherished moments – it's all amazing. For a brief moment, I realized I won't make it to 83 to see grown grandchildren. But each has his own fate.

Again, freeze-framing such picture-perfect moments is a great pastime. It's a must.

We humans have a great, almost limitless capacity for love, togetherness, bonding and yes, even hope.

Wouldn't it be great if we could snap our fingers, with almost superhuman powers, and freeze time, in effect "stopping the world?" I supposed a well-trained mind can recapture such images, but for most of us they are fleeting.

But if we're lucky, they can rattle around our heads for a while, causing us to smile. Sometimes we can pluck them out of the air and laugh.

For literally generations, we've been encouraged to stop and smell the roses, to pause, reflect, embrace and enjoy. Have we learned anything?

In the "race" to keep our heads above water and deal with economic realities, we lose sight of the important things. We can't. We mustn't.

It's funny, you know, that we live our lives as if we will never grow old, get sick and die. And yet that's a fate that awaits all of us.

There are so many quotable quotes, sayings

and memes that suggest we adopt a carefree attitude toward living. There's something in that idea.

But the realities in our western culture have kind of beaten the joy out of our everyday existence. We work 40 or so years, to enjoy maybe a dozen. Every day we hear of friends and acquaintances who never make it to retirement. And many seniors in our midst are finding the "golden years" a bit tarnished.

More reasons to hit "pause."

Recently, I have no tolerance for time-wasting quibbling or tension-filled, life-draining events.

We all have them – they are a daily occurrence. My suggestion is to nip these in the bud as fast as you can.

When minor arguments arise in our household, I cryptically note that my time is precious, far too valuable to waste on trivialities.

I'm not alone. None of us should throw away valuable minutes of any day in conflict, misery, heated arguments or tension of any kind. Okay, maybe that sounds too easy, but it's way healthier than the alternative.

For those of us in our later stages (more years behind than ahead), we can likely single out a decade or two that we loved. Heck, I would love to be 50 again, and start a journey of self-discovery and personal healing.

But we can't turn back time. Life is a chain of memories and while we can't alter time, we can relive some of our finest moments, remembering the wonder.

I'm not suggesting a Scrooge-like tour of our lives. But if we could freeze-frame a few of those wonderful times, I think it would fill our souls with warmth. I bet there are people who would love a visit from their old selves.

"You can't go back in time and start over again, but you can still aim for a new ending starting from now."

The Dalai Lama said time passes unhindered. "All we can do is use the present well."

Since we can't actually stop the world or "melt" maybe we can follow the age-old adage – "out with the old, in with the new."

By that I mean let's do some internal cleaning by tossing the junk that's weighing us down. Get rid of dusty, old emotions, moldy thoughts and distasteful ideas and replace them with new ones. I'm not saying this is easy, but with practice, it just may become second nature. Give it a try. I bet you'll like it.

Most of my Boomer high school friends have all led relatively low-key lives. Marriage, children, decent jobs, maybe a dog or two. None scaled mountains or dove to the depths of oceans, but we all have had comfortable, "safe" lives.

I hope they all enjoyed the love that surrounded them and didn't take any of it for granted.

I'd love to stage a back yard concert for all my brothers and sisters, featuring songs of the 1980s, old yearbooks and any "relics" we can dig up (other than ourselves).

I know we can't relive the past, but bringing it back to life for a short time can't hurt.

Maybe we can all try to "stop the world" from time to time and just ponder life's miracles.

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There is a TV show called Border Security that follows customs and border agents as they clear visitors at airports, land crossings, and shipping areas, who are trying to enter a country.

They also have segments on inspecting incoming packages for contraband.

The show features customs agents in Canada, the U.S., Australia, and in some versions, the U.K.

It is interesting to see how they look for suspicious people based on a variety of observations.

Usually, there is some kind of clue that leads the agents to pull a person aside for a secondary inspection.

For example, someone returning from a known drug smuggling location who is extremely nervous and sweating bullets is a good indicator something's up.

Sometimes, it's just a matter of a drug sniffing dog taking a seat beside a suitcase that alerts authorities that something may be amiss.

Quite often during questioning, people give conflicting answers, and that's an almost sure sign they are lying about why they want to enter the country.

Sometimes, the agents are wrong, and the hippy-looking guy, who claims he is going to visit his grandmother, is just a hippy-looking guy going to

visit his grandmother.

In that case, they wish him a happy visit and he is on his way.

On a recent episode, a man described as an "Irish Traveller," was stopped at customs and questioned.

Travellers, don't have the best of reputations in the U.K. They are nomadic, setting up camps on private properties. Their children, in large part, don't attend school. They are well known for leaving places in worse shape after they pack up and move to their next location. They tend to live by receiving cheques from the state.

The man being questioned was in his late 30s, early 40s. He claimed to be coming to Canada to visit his brother.

He had less than \$300 with him – not nearly enough to finance an 18-day trip. He didn't have a credit card.

When asked how much money he had in his bank account, he answered, "zero." The last time he held an actual job, was three years earlier.

The agent was dubious about this man's intentions, and thought he might be coming here to work.

However, they placed a call to his brother, who told them that the Traveller would be staying with him at no charge, meals provided, and the Canadian

resident would be fully responsible for all expenses incurred.

When asked if he had a return ticket, the man did produce one. He explained he had to be back in Ireland within the allotted time to collect his welfare cheque. If he stayed out of the country for more than 18 days, his welfare would be cancelled.

Through the interview, it was obvious the customs guy just wanted to say, "Why don't you just get a job?"

How can a grown man, drift through life, unemployed, with no ambition, no goals, and no money, when the world is full of opportunities?

A post about this very thing came through my news feed the other day. Whether this story is true or not, doesn't really matter, it's the message and content that matters.

A man had worked his entire life, and finally was able to buy his dream car – a Chevrolet Corvette. Someone, who apparently doesn't like sports cars, approached him and said that the money used to buy that car could have fed thousands of less fortunate people.

The Corvette owner replied that the car did feed thousands of people. It fed the families of the people who worked in the assembly plant. It fed the people

who made the tires, and the people who worked in the factories making the car's components.

It fed the people in the mines who mine the metals needed for construction and wiring.

The car was responsible for putting food on the tables of the truck drivers who brought the cars to the dealerships, and paid for the salaries of those working in the dealership that sold him the car.

That's the difference between a capitalist society and a welfare mentality.

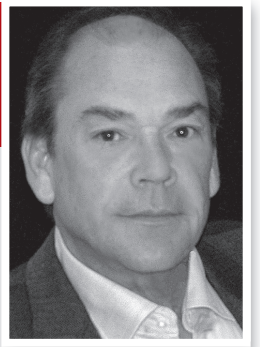
Capitalism involves freely giving your money in exchange for a service or product.

The welfare mentality takes your money by force, and gives it to someone else for doing nothing.

There is of course a good side to light socialist policies. A working healthcare system, retirement benefits, and helping those who are truly in need, will benefit society.

However, supporting those who are just lazy, not only robs society of funds, it reduces the recipient to a life with no self-esteem, no ambition, and no hope.

## BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Temperatures are rising

Seems the heat of the summer has temperatures rising in more ways than one. Whether it's festering old news that just won't go away or more recent complaints, Caledon Council has been keeping someone very busy lately. That someone is Caledon's Integrity Commissioner, David Boghosian. To add to the drama, the IC himself, while in the course of his duties, also seems to have made his own error when he mistakenly named a complainant who had asked to remain anonymous. Amongst all of this noise and finger pointing there's still a Town to be run. We'd be wise to remember the old adage about finger-pointing: "When you're pointing a finger at someone, you've got three pointing back at yourself." In other words, perhaps it's time to refocus our collective energy on the business of running the Town before someone gets seriously burned.

I don't know that there is any benefit to listing the various complaints that have been investigated by Mr. Boghosian. One can, as I have done, read his detailed reports for themselves and draw their own conclusions about where fault, if any, lies. This column isn't about finger-pointing, but rather a commentary on all the distractions. In the first IC-investigated incident, we should be more concerned that the distribution of a "fact sheet" on 12 MZO specifically excluded some Council members than any comments made about its distribution. Could the Councillor have used a different turn of phrase when expressing their disappointment at the un-

even dissemination of information? Probably. But even the Integrity Commissioner deemed the actual distribution to be "poor politics, especially if it (the fact sheet) was not shared with the Councillors who were present." Our Mayor and Councillors have a job to do and all this finger pointing, by the public and others, is simply a distraction from the real issue, the passing of 11 of 12 MZOs and their long-lasting potential consequences on Caledon as we know it.

Speaking of real issues, another Councillor has recently found themselves a target for two separate reasons; one of them likely dating back to last summer's placement of a port-a-potty in a park. No doubt referring to such an addition as the "Mayor's Outhouse" at the time didn't earn the Councillor any favours, and it's possible the seeds of discontent have been festering since then. In fact, it was literally this same week last year that I commented in this space on the topic.

This summer it appears the conversation is still ongoing and the Councillor has landed in "hot water" with their comments about how parks are being utilized. Again, I ask, could the Councillor have chosen their words differently? You betcha! They weren't great but, when the Integrity Commissioner launched his investigation, and a replay of the comments recorded at the time clearly demonstrated that at least one of the words deemed to be particularly offensive had not actually been verbalized, I think the IC reached a reasonable conclusion by asking

Council to undergo sensitivity training. Now let's hope all this talk about toilets can finally be flushed away.

Unfortunately, however, the same Councillor noted above, in yet another round of finger-pointing, may now find themselves defending a decision to share information with the media, specifically, Global News. On July 18th, Caledon's CAO Nathan Hyde, in a post on the Town's website called "Setting the Record Straight," claimed certain statements made to Global news by a member of Council were "incorrectly stated as facts." Hyde further wrote that the Town has "asked Global News to correct the article and is determining next steps internally."

Will the Councillor be called before the Integrity Commissioner yet again? Is this yet more distraction from the business of running a Town experiencing massive growth? Yes on both counts. The exodus of Caledon staff has been written about before in this space and significant changes in staffing should always be cause for concern if for no other reason than there's a Town to run, and business to conclude, and significant changes can potentially hinder that work. But so too can ongoing IC investigations. It's hot outside but apparently even hotter inside the Town of Caledon offices and Council chambers. I'm sure the Integrity Commissioner could use a break. Mr. Boghosian has had his work cut out for him lately and recently commented on the scope of

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his responsibilities, and perhaps also his frustration, in a letter to the Mayor and Members of Council that was scheduled to go before Council this past Tuesday.

In it he seems to suggest he's concerned about the Town's Code of Conduct in general, finding it "deficient," and that our processes could use some work. As well, after what he described as a "circus" during one recent Council meeting where members of the community were "raising issues of no relevance to Council (ie. debating the merits of my decision)" he took the opportunity to remind Council of this: "The fact of the matter is, there is no scope for Council debate or resident input on my reports and findings (in contrast to penalties). My decisions are quasi-judicial in nature for which recourse can be had by way of a judicial review application to the Divisional Court. They are not matters that can be changed by Council on account of resident input." In other words, a gentle reminder I think to all members of Council, members of the public, and to all of us really that it's time to turn down the heat in Council chambers, stop all the finger-pointing and distractions and to focus instead on the important business of running the Town of Caledon.

## Trump & the Last Stand of the American Christians

The past week has been a roller-coaster ride for Donald Trump.

First, he's the target of an assassination attempt. However, that makes him God's Chosen One because he survived, and it looks like the presidency is in the bag because Joe Biden can't even finish his sentences. But then Biden quits, and suddenly Trump is the old white guy, up against an opponent who's twenty years younger.

Religion has played a big part in Trump's rise, although he is not religious himself. That's why he told the crowd at the Republican National Convention that "I stand before you only by the grace of Almighty God."

Trump was claiming that God is on his side because he must win the "Christian" vote. The Republican Party used to be a fairly broad church, but these days its core support comes from a particular brand of American Christians who are very visible but not as numerous as they seem.

These Protestant "evangelical" Christians have taken to calling themselves Christian Nationalists, and they can be counted on to vote Republican no

matter what. However, there are only enough of them to put Trump back in the White House if a lot of other Americans don't vote at all.

In effect the Republicans have now become the local version of the Party of God. The numbers tell the tale: 87% of Americans who identified as Republicans in a survey last year said they believe in God. Only 66% of Democratic voters did.

There's no grounds for complaint about Trump pretending to pray and his audience pretending to believe that he really means it. It's no shabbier than a lot of other political deals. But it probably won't be enough now that Trump doesn't have a tragically diminished opponent like Joe Biden, because American Christianity is in retreat.

Almost every country or region used to have its own version of religious belief, and if that's where you were born that was what you believed. After all, everybody else around you seemed to believe it, so it must be true.

But then came mass education and mass media, and people became aware of the wider world around them. There are half a dozen big religions and lots of

smaller ones. At best only one of them can be right. Maybe none of them are. And why should it be the one my grandparents believed?

For most of the West, and also for most of East Asia, the old beliefs are no longer "normal".

There are still many believers, and most people are happy to continue the traditional religious rites of passage like marriages and funerals. Likewise the ancient seasonal festivals like Christmas and Chinese New Year. But the religious core has evaporated.

In Britain, Sweden and Australia, only around 30% of the population see themselves as religious. In Japan, South Korea and China, only about 15% do. Moreover, the trend line is downward in every case.

In the midst of this, the United States has seemed the great exception: a developed country in which religion still dominates in public life. But it's really more of a grand illusion, because the rot (if that's what it is) set in quite a while ago.

In 2001, a Gallup poll reported that 90% of Americans believed in God. In another poll taken

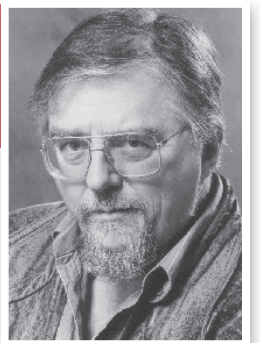
last year, only 74% did. That's a drop of almost exactly one percent per year, which is what you might call an inexorable trend.

It's inexorable because it is driven almost entirely by generational turnover. Older Americans are not "losing their faith"; their children are just not buying into it. The 2023 version of the same poll revealed that among 18-to-34-year-old Americans, only 59% believe in God.

The United States is a lot less different than it thinks it is. The "Heartland" will remain true to the old ways for a while longer, but most Americans live within a few hours' drive of the East or West Coasts and that puts them in the modern time zone.

Trump cannot rely on the Christian vote alone to bring him victory. If younger Americans vote in large number, his fake religiosity is political poison.

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# ARTS & CULTURE



## Paul Morin brings Chinese art to his studio

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

A surprise call came just before New Year's Eve from a friend, inviting Paul Morin to come to China for eight months, promising, "All you have to do is create art."

In the meantime, he would be exposed to a wide spectrum of a vast world of art.

Tomorrow, Friday, July 26, at the Paul Morin Gallery, 19741 Main St., Alton Village, the Paul Morin Gallery will open with his new show, China in the Year of the Dragon.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Morin, he mentioned, "I had been to China 33 years ago for my children's books and had great experiences there. I went back three years later and that was great too."

While Mr. Morin really wanted to go for eight months, he could not close his gallery for that long, so he decided to go for two months.

He said, "I told them what I wanted to do and they accepted my proposal."

It took six weeks to go through protocol, as he was not a tourist but going as a cultural exchange.

When Paul Morin arrived in Jingdezhen, there was a big flat for him, next to a large studio. This was a multi-cultural exchange, as he told us.

Jingdezhen is a city virtually synonymous with porcelain, the capital of porcelain from 1000 CE.

By the mid-1600s, Chinese potters made porcelain to ship to the West. Eventually, it was sold all over the world.

"When I went, there were 33 artists from around the world. I didn't know programs like this existed," he said.

His friend knew his work and his hosts paid for everything. The artist is free. All he has to do is art. It was really new and challenging.

"In two months, I did as much work as I would normally do in six," he said.

They are building a huge art museum and making a new tourist centre in Jingdezhen.

The character on his poster is a 30,000-year-old dragon, originally scratched on an oracle bone as a tiny image. So, Mr. Morin made a large image of the tiny dragon on his poster.

Numbers and dragons follow him: there were 33 artists in Jingdezhen; he went to China 33 years ago and has been there three times. His children's book was about a dragon and this is the Year of the Dragon.

Their stipulation was they kept 30 per cent of what the artists created and so, Mr. Morin made three of everything and brought two back.

"The people are great and there is a different attitude about things," he related, "I dropped a \$50 bill (equivalent) and someone found it and gave it to me. In the rural areas you discover everything can be done differently."

It has taken two months to get his container with all his work here but it all arrived "safe and sound."

"I documented everything," he said, "Culinary, everything. I took great footage of 2,000-year-old villages with a drone. I created in paint, music, video and ceramics. I am having an exhibition of these works on Friday."

On Friday, there will be an art/video talk on this exciting program. Refreshments will be available. This event will take place at the Paul Morin Gallery, 19741 Main St., Alton Village. It is free of charge.

## Theatre Orangeville's Summer Arts Fest marks five fabulous years of fun

### Festival returns to Alton in coming month

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFELD

This year, Theatre Orangeville's Summer Arts Fest (SAF) is running from Friday, August 16 to Sunday, August 18 on the beautiful property of Mount Alverno Luxury Resort.

The resort is located at 20706 Heart Lake Road, about six kilometres east of Orangeville, just off Highway 9.

For the fifth year, the Fringe Binge Team, as they like to call themselves, from Theatre Orangeville drove to Toronto to watch 50 plays over five days. These were selected among a total of 75 shows invited to participate in the Toronto Fringe. Of the 75 invitees, all were asked if they would take their shows to Orangeville and 50 said yes.

Individually, the Fringe Binge Team were seeing eight to 10 shows per day to choose just two North (519) Toronto Fringe shows to bring to the SAF.

Of the 36-year life of the Toronto Fringe, Theatre Orangeville is the only professional theatre to partner with them, to bring Toronto Fringe shows out of Toronto and for us, to Orangeville.

The Citizen was in a Zoom meeting with Theatre Orangeville's Artistic Director David Nairn and Technical Director Lisa Lahue, the "guiding light," as Mr. Nairn praises her, driving and directing this tremendous annual celebration of all things theatre and music.

He went on to lay down the foundation and purpose of the SAF to "afford a fun time in the summer with programming we cannot necessarily produce on the Main Stage and to bring art outside in a beautiful setting."

This festival developed over the early years when Fringe North (519) was two Toronto Fringe shows brought and performed in different venues around Orangeville, not in the theatre itself, getting them out of the theatre, and doing something different.

With the other festivals at similar times and partnering with Mount Alverno, it made sense to combine all into one.

"The summer of 2021 brought one man shows with Cassel Miles doing Joshua and Mark Crawford in Chase the Ace," Nairn said. "These were performed under a large tent – everyone wearing masks, keeping distance, at Mount Alverno for the first time."

This year's festival is jam-packed with a terrific Kids Fest, magic, amazement and many laughs.

Drag queens Fay and Fluffy will read children wonderful stories in their own special way and there is so much more for youngsters to hear, see and do, all in or by the small Barn on the property.

This year, tickets for the entire kids fest part of the SAF are \$5.

Duffle Bag Theatre will perform Peter Pan. Candice Jeromkin, TOV Scenic Artist, will present Face Painting with the Painted Ladies.

Performers abound at the Patio Music, an hour and

a half before the evening shows. Falcon Jane (Sara May and Andrew McArthur) perform on Friday. Saturday sees Cherry Chapstick featuring Emily Gilbert and Jessie Steinberg, getting you relaxed for the riotous entertainment to come.

Both the North (519) Fringe Best of Toronto Fringe picks are to be performed on Friday evening.

Stiff and Sons is a dark comedy about "your average family running a funeral home..."

Additionally, and quite thrillingly, this play is directed by Daniel Reale, a Theatre Orangeville alumni of many years. The performance begins at 7 p.m.

Following a 30-minute break between shows, at 8:30 p.m. the second North Fringe (519) Best of Toronto Fringe show is "Bol, Brown Boy, Bol" starring and created by Nawaaz Makhani.

Presented as "a cheeky, heartfelt solo show," it invites us to "come for the unique blend of storytelling and classical tabla performance," the tale is of a lost millennial GTA "brown boy" who talks to us about the impact of Canadian racism on his identity. Still, he uses humour to deal with it. Stay for the "post-show community dialogue."

Nairn calls the two shows "brilliant and 180 degrees from each other."

Each of them runs 60 minutes, a Toronto Fringe protocol.

Last year introduced Drag Music Bingo to an exuberant response. This is for an adult, 19-plus audience, with the Drag element being produced by Troy Boy Entertainment's world-class Drag Queens. The reaction last year to the Drag Music Bingo was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, with host and producer Fluffy Souflé; we were told tickets sold out fast. Book your tickets soon. They are \$40.

The SAF is a weekend of art from mainly local artists and performers, providing a broad palate, and a wide spectrum of art and entertainment, all set in the delightful setting that is the Mount Alverno property.

Sunday, August 18 will offer brunch at Mount Alverno with Stan Chang at the piano from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Mount Alverno for reservations: 365-200-2030.

David Nairn had one more thing to say: "Lisa Lahue has been the guiding light. She has worked with Toronto Fringe and Mount Alverno. She has had the vision to expand the festival."

He made the point, too, about ticket sales, that they are not a fundraiser for Theatre Orangeville but help to pay all the actors and musicians who participate in the festival, for all of whom their art form is their livelihood.

Be sure to join in this unique and wonderful Summer Arts Fest. Rain or shine, there is enough cover for everyone.

For details and to buy tickets, go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call the folks at the Box Office at 519-942-3423. Pop in, if you like, to the Box Office in the Opera House, 87 Broadway.

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# CVC looking for input on conservation strategies

Strategies being developed in response to changes in Conservation Authorities Act

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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A local conservation authority is developing two new strategies to guide its work. On July 15, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) announced it is developing two new strategies that will guide the organization's services, programs and conservation land management. The Conservation Authority made the announcement in a media release from Dawn Cripps, CVC Supervisor of Marketing and Communications. The new strategies are the CVC's Conservation Area Strategy and Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy. Until August 30, residents are invited to provide their input on these strategies by taking surveys available at the following link: [cvc.ca/ConservationStrategiesSurvey](http://cvc.ca/ConservationStrategiesSurvey)

Terri LeRoux, the CVC's Director of Parks, Lands and Community Engagement, said the CVC greatly values input from the community. "We want to hear about your experiences using our programs and services and visiting us at our conservation areas," said LeRoux. Those who complete the CVC's survey on the new strategies will be entered to win one of five \$50 Credit Valley Parks gift cards. According to the news release, the CVC is developing new strategies in order to comply with changes the Provincial Government made to the Conservation Authorities Act. "Community input from the survey will inform both strategies, along with feedback we have received through previous public engagement activities during the development of our new Strategic Plan and Watershed Plan as well as input from partners, rightsholders, stakeholders and visitors about the conservation area system," reads the release. The CVC owns 7,000 acres of conservation land in the Credit River Watershed and uses the land to protect natural and cultural heritage and offer sustainable recreation and nature-based experiences to residents and visitors. Over one million people visited CVC conservation areas in 2023.

# Albion Hills Auto Collision hosts Grand Re-Opening

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The weather was perfect for a Grand Opening party, and there was a good turn-out of local residents who came out to congratulate John and Sandra, and see the new building. There were activities for the kids, give aways, and facility tours. The Palgrave Rotary Club served hotdogs and hamburgers. Easily visible when you are entering Palgrave, the new facility is located on the south side, on Highway 50, and boasts a beautiful new blue facade. The staff at Albion Hills Collision welcome visitors who would like to see the new facility. Albion Hills Collision CSN is open Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

It is a project that is several years in the making. Albion Hills Auto Collision CSN, in Palgrave, hosted a Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, July 20. The date also coincided with the business's 20th anniversary. Owners John and Sandra Barbaro made a decision a few years ago to shut-down the Highway 50 location, and modernize the entire facility. Upgrades include a modern and comfortable place for both customers and those who work there. The building has a new paint system, a vehicle tracking system, special air filtration, and other state-of-the-art collision related technology to create a very modern, well-equipped shop.



Albion Hills Auto Collision in Palgrave hosted a Grand Re-Opening on Saturday, July 20. The facility has gone through a major renovation and has added a lot of new state-of-the-art equipment. Owners John and Sandra Barbaro cut the ribbon to officially re-open the Collision Centre.

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# COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 or emailing [admin@caledoncitizen.com](mailto:admin@caledoncitizen.com) if you wish to have an announcement published.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton** – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org). Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/ or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: [boltonalanon@gmail.com](mailto:boltonalanon@gmail.com).

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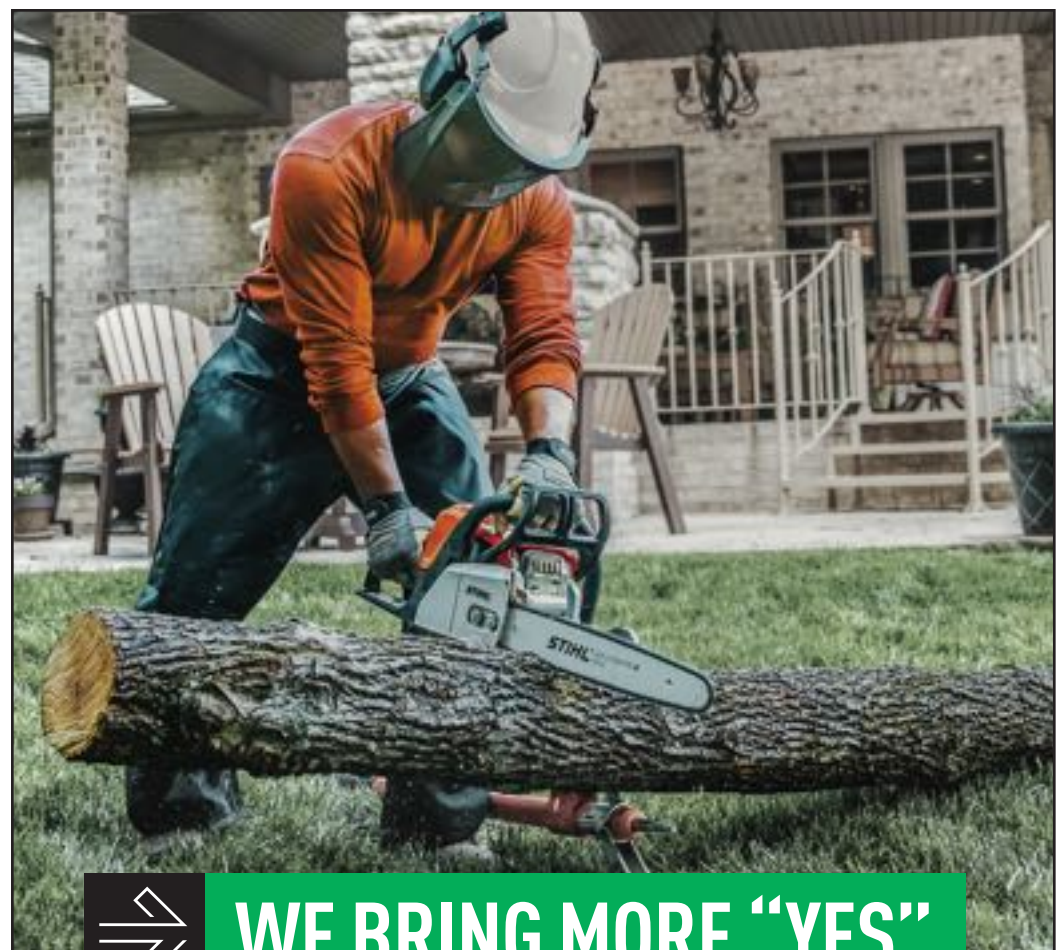
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**Thursday, August 8 – Paint Night on the Patio**  
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is hosting a Paint Night on the Patio on Thursday, August 8 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm! Tickets: \$30 which includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, cheese, paints and supplies. They will be on the patio painting Dot Mandalas. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets!

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## Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week

# Five-sport student-athlete Nolan Butler excelled in his Junior Year for the Mayfield Mavericks

BY JIM STEWART

Mayfield Secondary School's Senior Athlete of the Year Nolan Butler completed his third year of high school with an inspirational and impressive flourish.

Remarkably, Butler excelled in five sports – hockey, lacrosse, badminton, volleyball, and golf – and all five were at elevated stages of competition in a series of provincial or regional championships during 2023-24.

In addition to his Herculean efforts on the hockey rink, lacrosse field, golf course, and badminton and volleyball courts for the Mayfield Mavericks, Butler earned his place on the school's Honor Roll for the third consecutive year.

Butler's wide-ranging talents as a high-performance athlete as well as his dedication to classroom work caught the eye of his varsity hockey and lacrosse coach Tyler Grant who nominated the five-sport star for our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week.

Coach Grant was in a unique position to assess Butler's sporting performances through the Winter and Spring seasons.

"Nolan stands out as an exceptional athlete due to his remarkable versatility and dedication across multiple sports. His ability to excel in golf, volleyball, hockey, badminton, and lacrosse is a testament to his athletic prowess and adaptability. Not only does he compete at high levels, such as finishing top 20 at OFSAA for golf and reaching championships in badminton and lacrosse, but he also takes on leadership roles, such as coaching the junior girls' volleyball team. Nolan's commitment to his teams, his sportsmanship, and his consistent performance under pressure highlight his exceptional athletic abilities."

In addition to competing in a quintet of high school sports, Coach Grant also praised Butler's qualities as a student at Mayfield Secondary School.

"As a student, Nolan exemplifies dedication, hard work, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. He balances a demanding athletic schedule with academic responsibilities, consistently maintaining Honor Roll

status throughout high school. Nolan's time management skills are impeccable, allowing him to excel both in the classroom and on the field. His commitment to improvement and his ability to juggle multiple roles—student, athlete, and coach—reflect his strong work ethic and dedication to personal and academic growth."

What impresses Coach Grant the most is Nolan's "unwavering determination and his ability to inspire those around him."

"He not only excels individually, but also contributes significantly to his teams' successes. His role as a coach for the junior girls volleyball team shows his willingness to mentor and lead, fostering a positive environment for younger athletes. Nolan's humility and sense of responsibility, coupled with his drive to achieve excellence in all areas of his life, make him a standout student-athlete."

Coach Grant highlighted two of Nolan's many stellar sports performances for the Mavericks in 2023-24.

"One key moment that stands out is Nolan's performance at the OFSAA golf championship, where he finished in the top 20. This achievement is not just about his skill in golf, but also about his ability to perform under pressure in a highly competitive environment. Another notable moment is his leadership and defensive play during the varsity hockey season, where his strategic thinking and solid defence were crucial in tight matches. These moments exemplify his athletic talent, composure, and leadership qualities, making him a valuable asset to any team he is a part of."

Super athlete Nolan Butler took time from his well-deserved summer vacation to answer our interview questions:

**Caledon Citizen:** What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honours?

**Nolan Butler:** "This year, I had the honour to play on five different sport teams and I coached as well. Playing on the golf team, I finished top 20 at OFSAA then competed on the varsity volleyball team in OFSAA tier. In the winter, I played defence for the varsity hockey team and helped coach the



**NOLAN BUTLER**  
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junior girls' volleyball team. During the spring, I finished off going to the ROPSSAA championship for badminton, and OFSAA for lacrosse where we finished 5th."

**Caledon Citizen:** What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?

**Nolan Butler:** Golf; Finished in the top 20 at the OFSAA golf championship; Volleyball: Played a key role in the varsity team's success in the OFSAA tier, excelling in serving and defence; Hockey: Contributed to the varsity team's strong defensive record and made pivotal plays in a crucial playoff game; Badminton: Reached the ROPSSAA championship in doubles, showcasing strong teamwork and strategy; Lacrosse: Helped the team finish 5th at OFSAA with significant contributions on both

offence and defence.

**Caledon Citizen:** In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

**Nolan Butler:** "During 2023, I was a part of the U17 AA Caledon Hawks hockey team; as well, I competed in Golf Ontario, and Maple Leaf Junior tour golf events."

**Caledon Citizen:** How would you describe yourself as a student at Mayfield? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

**Nolan Butler:** "As being a student-athlete is very important to me, being able to balance my time is very important. As a student at Mayfield, I would describe myself as a hard worker and dedicated to improvement in every aspect of my student athlete career. In doing so I have been able to maintain my Honor Roll status throughout high school so far and am working to keep it that way."

**Caledon Citizen:** What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

**Nolan Butler:** "As life seems to come too fast, I am still exploring different fields of venture. Currently, I'm looking at studies in the business field. I am hoping to play golf at the university level!"

**Caledon Citizen:** Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

**Nolan Butler:** "A role model of mine would have to be my Dad. Seeing the long hours he puts in so I can play the sports I love really drives me to do my best every time and through any sport I play."

**Caledon Citizen:** How do you feel about being nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

**Nolan Butler:** "I feel very honoured to be nominated for this award. I think it's great for other kids in Caledon to see the potential through the community and hope it encourages them to try and do the same."

# League-leading Bolton Brewers' 6-game winning streak snapped in lopsided 17-6 loss to Ivy Rangers

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers are having a fine North Dufferin Baseball League season.

Coach Mike Wallace's potent squad continues to hold down first place in the NDBL's Senior Division with a stellar 17-4-0 record.

Their league-leading offense has scored 189 runs in 21 games.

The Brewers' 2024 campaign has featured a season-opening six-game winning streak, a mid-season streak of four games, and the team's most recent late-season six-game heater.

The Brewers have dominated the division since the first pitch on May 9th when they drubbed the Orillia Majors 16-1 at North Hill Park.

However, the Brewers suffered through their most lamentable inning on the season on Sunday night when they surrendered 15 runs in the second frame to impel the Ivy Rangers to a 17-6 win at Victoria Park.

With their home field victory, the fourth-place Rangers (13-8-2) ended the Brewers' latest six-game winning streak.

Despite the lop-sided loss, Bolton maintained its hold on

first place because they beat three divisional rivals in a span of seven days.

On July 11, the Brewers defeated the seventh-place Angels 5-3. Nick Fiorucci struck out four Angels in a complete game, seven-inning performance. Brewers' lead-off hitter Brett Chater scored two runs to lead Bolton to a season sweep of Barrie (8-13-1).

On July 12, the Brewers prevailed 12-11 in a wild one versus Ivy as John Hutchison walked off the Rangers with a two-run single at the bottom of the seventh inning. Chater and Ben Sterritt

provided power at the top of the Brewers' lineup to help subdue the Rangers. Chater and Sterritt had four hits and three hits, respectively. The potent 1-2 combo scored three runs each.

On July 18, Bolton defeated their archrivals, the New Lowell Knights, 4-3.

The win avenged a 5-0 Brewers' home loss earlier in the season.

Chris Fafalios, Cameron O'Neil, and Hutchinson paced Bolton's ten-hit attack with two hits each. Victor Moguel earned the win, striking out three Knights in five innings. Chater

earned the save with two innings of hitless relief.

The first-place Brewers conclude their NBDL regular season with a perfectly-timed home-and-home series versus the second-place Owen Sound Baysox.

The pair of games will determine the 2024 pennant winner.

Bolton hosts Owen Sound on Thursday, July 25 at North Hill Park.

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The Baysox will host the Brewers on Monday, July 29 at Tom Williams Baseball Field in Owen Sound.

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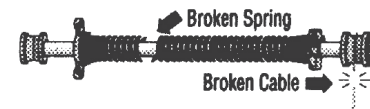
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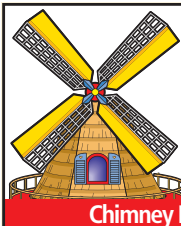


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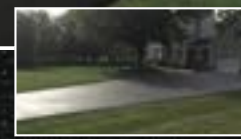
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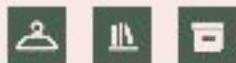
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# CAS president asked for Town's support at July 24 Caledon Council meeting

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Taccone said the community centre will serve as a much-needed facility in north-west Caledon and can be used to showcase agriculture to the younger generation through educational seminars.

The building will also be able to be rented for things like weddings, birthday parties or seniors' activities. Taccone said some other examples of things the community centre could be used for include career fairs, an indoor farm market, and office space for CAS volunteers to use.

"Over the years the Town of Caledon and the Caledon Agricultural Society have had a marvelous relationship," said Taccone in a letter to Caledon Council. "I am interested in discussing with the Town of Caledon how we can partner... and how

we can be committed in ensuring residents in west Caledon can have every opportunity to better connect."

In his delegation to Council on July 24, Taccone said the CAS has goals to educate the community about agriculture and conservation, cooperate with other organizations in the community, and enrich the social environment of Caledon's rural communities.

The CAS holds the Caledon Fair and Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival each year. Taccone explains the CAS runs these massive events out of an office trailer that was donated to them years ago.

When discussing building a new office space, CAS members realized it was an opportunity to make a building that was so much more.

"A community centre that will be big,

multi-purpose and accessible — it will be near those who need it most," said Taccone. "Will you partner with us on creating a local, accessible, multi-use social hub? We can't do it without the Town... from building permits to septic beds, road access and water supply, it depends on Town approval. There's so much we can do together."

Taccone ended his delegation to Council with these remarks, and they were well-received.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said the CAS holds a special place in her heart.

Mayor Annette Groves thanked Taccone for all he does for the Caledon community and said the

Caledon Fairgrounds and the events the CAS puts on are so important to the community.



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